Oil/gas struck at Adiyakkamangalam in the Cauvery land basin

2841. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC had struck oil/gas in the fourth well at Adiyakkamangalam in the Cauvery land basin;

(b) if so, what is the extent of oil and gas reserves available from this well and the total amount of reserves struck so far in the Cauvery basin; and

(c) what other areas in the basin are being explored for oil and gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fourth well on the Adiyakkamangalam structure produced oil at the rate of 33 cubic metres a day through 10/64" choke during conventional testing. The structure is still under delineation, and it would be premature to state its reserves without total evaluation.

The total geological reserves of the Cauvery basin, both onland and offshore, as estimated on 1-1-90, were 67/68 million tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

(c) The areas of basin which are under active exploration are around Bhuvanagiri, Kovilkalappal, Narimanam, Nannilam, Karaikal, besides Adiyakkamangalam, Further in offshore also exploration is continuing.

Partisan treatment to Small Scale Indistries in working out credit gurantee system

2842. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the PTI news of 9th July, 1990, from Madras regarding complaint of Small Scale Industries Association regarding partisan treatment in working out credit guarantee system;

(b) whether it is a fact that large industries employing small industries as ancillary units and delay the payment beyond RBI stipulations; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take steps to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Complaints are received from small scale/ancillary units and Industry Association regarding delay in payment of bills by large scale/mother units to small scale/ancillary industrial units.

(c) Government is examining in consultation with other Departments/Ministries, the possibilty of introducing a legislation regarding prompt payment and other problems of small scale industries.

Information in respect of credit guarantee scheme is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improving Blood Collection system

2843. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister

of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the blood collection in our country is being done from the professional donors;

(b) what are the reasons for not improving blood collection and also popularising the use of disposable syringes by subsiding their use;

(c) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of ICMR on blood related diseases have been ignored by his Ministry; and

(d) what specific steps being taken in 1990 to combat blood based diseases, like AIDS etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The annual collection of blood in the country is 19.5 lakh units out of which only 29% of blood is collected from professional donors.

(b) The blood collection could only be improved through motivation, publicity and education of masses for voluntary blood donation. Financial assistance is being provided by the Government to voluntary organisations for this purpose. It is also proposed to introduce schemes to provide financial assistance to Indian Red Cross Society and voluntary organisations for organising camps, and wherever feasible, for operating centralised blood banks. The Government has also recommended usage of disposable plastic bag system for collection of blood. Popularising the use of syringes by providing subsidies is to be considered by the concerned State Governments. The Government have already issued administrative guidelines in this regard.

(c) No. This Ministry has taken up the recommendations made by ICMR regarding transfusion-transmitted disease by drawing up the programme for improvement of blood banking system and action plan for blood donor screening.

(d) Noting the progressive increase of sero-positivity, a phased action plan to screen blood donors was prepared and put into operation from 1989. Testing facilities are not available in 27 cities besides the 4 metropolitan cities where all the blood banks have been linked with zonal blood testing centres for ensuring that the blood used for transfusion is free from HIV antibodies. In the next phase of the programme, 37 zonal blood testing centres linked with blood banks will be established in 16 States. The ultimate objective is to link all the blood banks with the zonal blood testing centres in a phased manner so that safe blood is available for transfusion.

Liability on Glybenclamide

2844. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has calculated final liability against M/s. Hoechst on Glybenclamide;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when the final liability would be communicated to M/s. Hoechst;

(c) whether it is a fact that he has gone back in his promise of bringing Glybenclamide under price control;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Standing Committee has found